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SUBJECT: STATE DEPARTMENT NOON BRIEFING, WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 17, 1976.

FOLLOWING IS AN EXCERPT FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT NOON  
BRIEFING MARCH 17:

Q: DOES THE DEPARTMENT HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ON THE STRIKE  
DOWN IN THE CANAL ZONE?

A: THE PANAMA CANAL COMPANY COMES UNDER THE DEPARTMENT  
OF THE ARMY. SO, REALLY, QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SLOWDOWN  
OR STRIKE BY THE PANAMA CANAL EMPLOYEES OUGHT TO BE  
DIRECTED TO THE ARMY. THERE OBVIOUSLY IS A SLOWDOWN AND  
A NUMBER OF PANAMA CANAL EMPLOYEES ARE REPORTING IN SICK  
AND ARE OFF THE JOB, AND THIS HAS AFFECTED THE NUMBER OF  
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SHIPS TRANSITING THE CANAL.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE REASONS GIVEN BY THE EMPLOYEES ARE  
MEASURES PROPOSED BY THE COMPANY TO REDUCE OPERATING COSTS.  
AND THIS, I AM TOLD, HAD AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON THEIR MORALE.  
BUT THAT IS REALLY ABOUT ALL I KNOW ABOUT IT. YOU REALLY  
HAVE TO ASK THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT. KISSINGER

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